

REMARKS

The examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the telephone interview held on May 3, 2004 in which the election requirement was discussed. As agreed in the interview, the claims of Group 1 should have been stated to include claims 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. Further, the claims of group II should have been stated to include claims 4-7 and 10-15.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of group I consisting of claims 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 and reserves the right to file divisional application as to the non-elected claims.

A minor amendment has been made to claim 8 as requested by the examiner to place the dependence recitation into the preamble of the claim to conform with standard US practice.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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